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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Albert N. Santilli  
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Title: Aorta Cross Clamp Assembly  
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**STATUS INQUIRY LETTER**

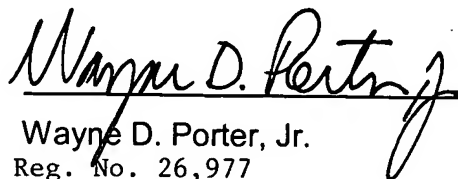
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on July 29, 2003. Since that time, applicant's attorney has not received a communication from an Examiner.

Please advise when we can expect to receive a communication for this application from an Examiner. This inquiry is being submitted in duplicate, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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